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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Hui, et al.
Application Number: 10/090,039
Filing Date: February 27, 2002
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DOUBLE BUFFER SYSTEM
Examiner Name: Susan D. Coe
Group Art Unit: 1654

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 18, 2002, please enter the
following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTIN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 21 so that the text of the amended claim reads as follows:

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21. (ONCE AMENDED) A culture medium, which is capable of supporting
growth of viable microorganisms comprising:
a nutrient broth in a flowable, liquid state;
a dye which changes color with a change in pH from a first pH range to a second
pH range; and